

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach



A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER— A Look Back at 2018-2019

At this writing, we are only days away from our UUCOB Annual Meeting after the Sunday morning service on April 28. It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of our fiscal year already! On Sunday at the Annual Meeting, our Nominating Committee will present a new slate of members for our Board of Trustees, including a new president.

Our current president, Joan Thate has served the past three years. I have so enjoyed working with her as she has labored tirelessly at everything from setting tables for potluck to effectively streamlining our stewardship campaign. She has set agendas and presided over Board meetings, always exemplifying calm, pragmatic, and organized leadership. She has led the Board in making pivotal decisions as well as setting and achieving goals necessary in keeping our congregation vibrant and growing. I hope you can appreciate the good work Joan has done, quietly and humbly, for us. Joan will continue to serve as our president until June 30. Between now and then, please thank Joan for the splendid work she has done for our congregation.

On a different note, I want to report to you some of the results of the F.A.I.T.H. Action Assembly on April 8 at the Peabody Auditorium. First, a record 1,600 people attended the Assembly and more than 60 of them were from our congregation! I so appreciate your response to the call to show up for justice. Second, the city and county public officials who attended the Assembly responded "YES" to all of F.A.I.T.H.'s requests for help in solving community problems! Here is the rundown:

- 1) County Council: Establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and create a plan for funding it.
- 2) City Council: Provide land for housing for First-Step shelter graduates.
- 3) School Board: Reduce out-of-school suspensions and implement restorative justice practices.
- 4) Law Enforcement: Expand use of and be accountable for reporting of on use of Civil Citations.
- 5) Department of Juvenile Justice: Assure compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding issued by State Attorney R.J. Larizza concerning the issuance of Civil Citations.

Because you showed up for Justice, the quality of life for the working poor will improve. Because you showed up for justice, the quality of youth education will improve. Because you showed up for justice, misdemeanor offenses will not mark a youth for life. You and F.A.I.T.H. move mountains!

Yours in faith,

Rev. Kathy

Note: Please be sure to attend the F.A.I.T.H. celebration dinner at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange on May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— We're Not in "Kansas City" Anymore

One morning last week, popping up apparently out of nowhere, the lyrics to the song, "Kansas City" from the 1940's Rogers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma* sang into my brain. While I know something about how brain synapses work, and thus know that some random neurons firing triggered the recollection, these sudden blasts from the past always leave me curious and, frankly, amazed. So, I checked Google to find the lyrics:

Everything's up to date in Kansas City,
 They gone about as fer as they can go.
 They went an' built a skyscraper seven stories high—
 About a as high as a buildin' orta grow.
 Everything's like a dream in Kansas City—
 It's better than a magic lantern show.
 You can turn the radiator on whenever you want some heat
 With every kind of comfort every house is all complete.
 You could walk the privees in the rain and never wet your feet!
 They've gone about as fer as they can go.
 They've gone about as fer as they can go!

The setting for the musical is 1906, located in a part of the state that was still on the map as "Indian Territory". Kansas City was like a dream to those who lived much more primitively.

Then it occurred to me how incredible it would have been to my parents in 1940's to be able to computer-search the lyrics to nearly any song, or to have an instant map to anywhere, or to find a poem even if they only remembered one line, or to instantly have the day's news available. Incredible even to me, thirty years ago!

So, I resolved to consciously spend time that day just paying attention to what would have been a dream to humans from the past — and, again, to how lucky we are. Our cars (or bikes) are sitting there quietly waiting for our convenience. Someone else grew and picked the vegetables and fruits we eat. Our phones can tell us what roads to take and turns to make when we are going to an unfamiliar address. We can instantly hear any song we want to hear. Computers monitor the safety of the water we drink. Long distance calls are no longer cost prohibitive. The list of conveniences is close to endless. Wow, I'd forgotten how lucky I am!

Then, with the grateful awareness, came the corollary— all this luxury has its price, and that price is more than mere money. We need an awareness of how easy it is to lose touch with what constitutes overuse of these amenities. We also need mindfulness — a reminder we're not in Kansas City anymore.

--Joan Thate

UPCOMING PULPIT PRESENTATIONS

April 28—Cliff Jackson, "How to Change Your World"

For most of his life, Cliff was a collector of interesting aphorisms: Gandhi's "Be the change you want to see in the world" etc. They were great to insert in conversations or to muse about how wonderfully concise they were. However, at one point in his life, things changed. Cliff began to apply some of these gems of wisdom moment by moment. Aman Motwane says it best, "When You Change How You See the World, Your Whole World Changes." Let's borrow from the TED talks theme of "Ideas Worth Sharing." TED talk speakers learn not just to tell their stories— but to re-live them. We too can change our perspective and change our world.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

May 5— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Who Moved My Cheese”?

This is a story about the problem of being risk-averse. This can happen when our sense of curiosity is dulled by complacency. Let’s explore what a healthy curiosity can do for us.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

May 12—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “A Mother’s Day Tribute to Julia Ward Howe”

Julia Ward Howe was a 19th Century Unitarian who penned the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

May 19—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Courage It Takes to Be Curious”

Being curious about something requires a certain amount of not-knowing and sometimes requires us to be on the edge of the unknown in an unflinching way.

Service Leader: John Horner

May 26—Ellen Nielsen and others, “Remembering War; Dreaming of Peace”

This service, coordinated by Ellen Nielsen, will feature a collage of music and short readings which commemorate the sacrifices of those who have died in war and express the dream of a future free of war. If you want to participate, please contact Ellen at enielsen514@gmail.com.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

REFLECTIONS— Join Us for Thursday Evening Services

Every second and fourth Thursday, the Worship Committee will offer an evening service of reflection which will include music, readings, and meditation. The Reflections service provides a time and place to slow down, nourish the spirit, and restore the soul. All are welcome.

THE ALLIANCE—A Busy Spring

The Easter Brunch was a great success. Sixty-five of our members and friends stayed after church to enjoy a delicious meal together. Our members were busy preparing and serving a delicious quiche along with homemade blueberry or apple muffins to accompany the mimosas we shared. The luncheon raised \$350 as part of the Alliance pledge to our own UUCOB.

Our first bus trip to Orlando to see Cirque de Soleil was a fun and exciting trip. We will be going to Saint Augustine to see the Christmas lights in the fall. These enjoyable activities help build our sense of fellowship and esprit de corps. Over the summer, some of our talented members will be working on craft items to donate to our Christmas giving project.

Our end of the year luncheon will be on Thursday, May 9th at Caribbean Jack’s restaurant in Daytona Beach. We will meet on the outdoor deck to have cool drinks and enjoy the beautiful Halifax River at 11:30. Then, at 12:15 we will go into the private dining room where we will enjoy lunch and have our final business meeting for this season. We will be taking our summer break and will resume our monthly meetings on the first Thursday in October. The Alliance looks forward to another busy and productive year after our well-deserved summer rest. Meanwhile, have a great summer!

--Jeanne Young

SHARE THE PLATE—Avenues 12

On Sunday, May 19th, we will share our morning offering with an organization called Avenues 12 Women's Recovery Houses, non-profit 501(c)3, certified transitional living facilities located in Daytona Beach.

Avenues 12 provides a structured and stable atmosphere for women in the process of recovery from alcohol and substance addictions. It bridges the gap between treatment centers and integration into daily family and community life. Our Alliance tour in February revealed exceptionally clean, orderly and beautiful homes, supporting healthy, structured, sober living that includes assisting women in obtaining employment.

To help with the house maintenance expenses and personal needs of the women residents who are working hard to improve their lives, please be generous with your offering on May 19th.

--Gini Downey

SPECIAL CHOIR MASTER CLASS—All Are Welcome on May 8th

As we look at such programs as Second Harvest, Family Renew, F.A.I.T.H., and other charities the Alliance supports, we quickly realize just how much our congregation strives to make our church and our community better. Now we have another opportunity to do just that. As choir director for the past eight years, I have seen our choir grow in numbers and in the quality of their musicianship. We are presently at a level where I believe bringing in a trained, expert in choral and vocal techniques would greatly benefit both the choir and the membership who hear them each Sunday. Dr. Norton Christeson has agreed to conduct a Master's Class in choral and vocal techniques. Dr. Christeson is former Chair of the Choral & Vocal Departments at Daytona State College and is presently Choir & Music Director of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach.

The class will be held in the church on Wednesday, May 8th from 6 to 8 p.m. It will be open to all UUCOB members interested in music and who might like to find out if singing is something they would enjoy. We are always looking for new choir members to bolster our ranks — this class is a good way to recruit some "closet" singers out there who might be considering joining our choir. So, if you enjoy what our choir does on Sunday mornings and want to become more active, why not join us on **Wednesday, May 8th at six p.m.?**

--Dan Kerr





SUUSI—An Intentional Community

The Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute, or SUUSI, is an intentional community of UU's and kindred spirits. For nearly 70 years, they have gathered for a week in July to explore their "interconnectedness, delight in the outdoors, enjoyment of music and learning new ways of seeing the world and each other."

From July 14 to July 20, 2019, SUUSI participants will gather at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, tucked into a valley amid the Blue Ridge Mountains. WCU offers a beautiful and accessible campus close to national forests and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

SUUSI is a multigenerational community, providing intergenerational activities and events along with special programs designed to meet the various needs of the diverse community. Nature trips, workshops, worship, and nightlife opportunities are plentiful. "Sacred Spaces" is this year's theme.

The basic SUUSI registration fee includes meals as well as all free SUUSI activities (including worship, community time, nightlife activities, and age-related programs for youth, teens and young adults). Housing costs are additional. To help individuals with financial need to attend, financial aid grants are available. SUUSI "strives to provide a full and meaningful experience for all family members, whatever their age, ability, personality type, or sleep schedule." Find out more about SUUSI and register, go to www.sussi.org

THE MOUNTAIN—UU Style Fun, Adventure, Relaxation and Inspiration

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is a non-profit program center, summer youth camp and a retreat for individuals and groups. The varied programs aim to inspire people of all ages through a nurturing community, connection with nature study and fun, challenging programs. For example, at the Intergenerational Family Camp (July 21-26) children, parents and/or grandparents can enjoy workshops, crafts and hiking together, campfire gatherings with music, singing and storytelling as well as time for relaxation and reflection.



Voted by USA TODAY as "one of ten great places to renew the soul," the Mountain is an ecologically conscious center that has been inspiring people of all ages for more than 30 years with enriching programs, a caring environment and amazing beauty. Located near Highlands, NC, in the southern Appalachian Mountains, within the Nantahala National Forest in western North Carolina, The Mountain is an extraordinary camp and retreat center serving youth, adults and families.

Founded in 1979, the center continues to be guided by Unitarian Universalist values and is open to all, providing experiences that include a strong commitment to peace, justice and environmental stewardship. Throughout the year, a variety of programs are open to families with children as well as individuals. For more information, registration links, costs, and specific program descriptions, go to www.mountaincenters.org

MOVIE NIGHT— *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*

Rotten Tomatoes gives *Priscilla* an audience approval rating of 95%. "While its premise is ripe for comedy—and it certainly delivers its fair share of laughs — *Priscilla* is also a surprisingly tender and thoughtful road movie with some outstanding performances." Join us May 31st at 7 pm with discussion to follow the movie.

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for May

Life Long Learning programs for 2019 are varied and include topics related to philosophy, history and the arts as well as science and education. This May session is the final one for the spring, with programs to resume in the fall. Each session includes time for audience questions and comments.

Our May programs take place on **Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Jim Rothweiler, “Today’s Religious Issues” —Wednesday, May 8th

Over 4,000 different religions are practiced in the world today. This program will explore the demographics, social, economic, and political power of the key religious? groups affecting our society today. In addition to defining the current states of religious conflicts and alliances, we will explore actions that can be taken by us and the larger UU community to influence a better future.

Jim Rothweiler was reared a “lapsed” Catholic; he studied sociology and business, becoming an empirical skeptic after decades of market research. With excursions into Methodist teachings and Buddhism, he has been part of the UU family since the early 1980’s.

Shawn Doherty, “Human Factors Psychology: Making Designs Work for You” — Wednesday, May 22th

Through an understanding of people’s behavior, the field of Human Factors Psychology seeks to improve designs of the items that humans use. From everyday objects like doors and elevators to technological devices such as computers and cellphones, human factors psychology seeks to make the designs easier to use instead of forcing us to change our behavior to fit the design.

Dr. Shawn Doherty is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Factors at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Dr. Doherty earned a Ph.D. in applied experimental psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He teaches primarily human factors courses, including classes on core human factors processes, research methods, automation, system safety, human-computer interaction, and entertainment systems. He is a founding member of the Game-Based Education and Advanced Research Simulation (GEARS) Lab at Embry-Riddle, and his current research investigates aspects of technology use and video game play involving areas such as gamification, virtual reality, engagement, cheating and ethics, as well as attention allocation.

--Tom Hilburn

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD— Jofre Miller



At Volusia County’s National Crime Victim’s Rights ceremony on April 12, the Victim’s Service Coalition recognized volunteer Jofre Miller for “outstanding service on behalf of crime victims.” Jofre is a member of our UUCOB congregation and volunteers as one of our Sunday ushers as well as for other duties.

Among other award recipients, the breakfast and awards ceremony at the Shores Resort and Spa recognized local law enforcement and other victims’ advocates throughout the county. State Attorney R. J. Larizza was the keynote speaker, who emphasized the importance of connecting with victims and their families.

--Barbara Sandburg

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<p>5</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Brown Bag w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Beginning Yoga: 9 - 10:15 am Mediation class: 11 am -noon Life-Long Learning: 4-5:30 Choir Rehearsal Master Class: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Finance Mtg: 10:30-noon Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Reflections Service: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Brown Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm Prayers & Meditation: 3-4 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-noon Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Beginning Yoga: 9 - 10:15 am Mediation class: 11 am -noon Bhagavad-Gita: 2-4 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Guild Auditions: 9 am- 5 pm Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Guild Auditions: 9 am- 5 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9p</p>
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Upcoming Worship Services

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April 28--	“How to Change Your World”	--Cliff Jackson	--Denise Carter
May 5 --	“Who Moved My Cheese?”	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
May 9 --	Thursday Evening Service of Reflection (7 to 8 p.m.)		
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May 23 --	Thursday Evening Service of Reflection (7 to 8 p.m.)		
May 26 --	“Remembering War, Dreaming of Peace”	-- Ellen Nielsen and others	

May Birthdays

Judy McCausland-11 th	Leigh Montgomery-14 th	John King-17 th
Patty Alsobrook-12 th	Cathy Jackson-17 th	Charles Hall-18 th
		Bill Ternent-22 nd



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